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David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Petition for Arbitration of ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*  
Docket No. 99-00430

Dear Mr. Waddell:

After filing its Post-Hearing Brief on December 7, BellSouth identified a typographical error which should be corrected. In the first paragraph of page 46, the word "files" should be replaced with the word "fiber" and the word "cross connect" should be replaced with the word "cross connects". Enclosed are fourteen copies of a substitute page 46 of the brief. Please substitute this page into the Post-Hearing Brief. For your ease of reference, we have also enclosed fourteen copies of a redline version of this correction.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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This issue is relatively straightforward: should one carrier that inaccurately reports information to a significant extent to another carrier be required to pay for the costs of the audit that uncovers the inaccurate information. BellSouth's position is that, if a BellSouth requested audit reveals that DeltaCom has overstated PLU/PIU percentages by 20 percentage points or more, DeltaCom should pay for the audit; otherwise, BellSouth would be required to do so. Numerous interconnection agreements filed with the Authority include a similar provision regarding PIU/PLU audits, and there is no reason not to include such a provision in BellSouth's agreement with DeltaCom. Varner, Vol. IIIA at 577-69.

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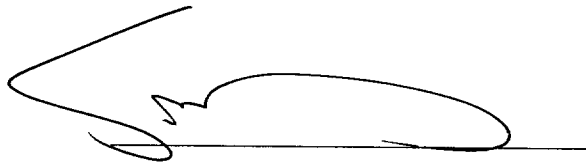
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